



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department and the Lancaster County Attorney's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On August 19, 2010, a Lincoln man was sentenced to 11 years and eight months, (140 months), in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Lincoln area over approximately a two-and-one-half-year time period. Information provided to law enforcement indicated that Marcus Tiedgen was involved in the distribution of at least 18 ounces of methamphetamine in the Lincoln area between June of 2007 and January 1, 2010. Tiedgen was found in possession of small amounts of methamphetamine by Lincoln Police officers on December 5, 2008; August 31, 2009; and January 1, 2010. Following the prison term, Tiedgen will serve five years on supervised release. He was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment. He was also ordered to forfeit \$983 cash which was found in his possession at the time of his December 5, 2008, arrest.

Name of Defendant: Marcus John Tiedgen

AKA:

Age: 26

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Count I: Conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. Count II: Forfeiture of \$983.00 used to facilitate the drug offense in Count I or representing proceeds of that offense, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853. The possible penalty for Count I is not less than 10 years, nor more than life imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any term of imprisonment, there would be a term of supervised release of

not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment. The possible penalty for Count II is forfeiture of \$983.00 to the United States of America.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Tiedgen was held responsible for the distribution of at least 500 grams(approximately 18 ounces) but less than 1.5 kilograms (approximately three pounds) of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between on or about June 1, 2007, and on or about January 1, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: February 22, 2010

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: February 18, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: February 23, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on May 24, 2010

Sentencing Date: August 19, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on conditions on March 17, 2010, and returned to custody on July 1, 2010.

In Continuous Custody Since: July 1, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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